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Directorate of Mines & Geology

Notification

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The Government of Goa is pleased to frame a target scheme called "Reimbursement of Green Tax and Fitness Fee to the mining affected truck owners scheme 2023" so as to provide financial assistance to the tipper truck owners who have been adversely affected due to the closure of all mining and related activities in the State of Goa and have lost their means of livelihood due to stoppage of mineral transportation.

- 1. Short title and commencement.— (a) The target scheme shall be called as "Reimbursement of Green Tax and Fitness Fee to the mining affected truck owners scheme 2023".
- (b) The scheme shall come into force from the date of its notification in the Official Gazette and shall be valid for one year.
- 2. Eligibility criteria.— (a) The scheme shall be applicable to the tipper trucks registered on the portal of the Department of Mines as per the rule 17(4) of the Goa (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Storage and Transportation of Minerals) Rules, 2013 and were engaged in

the business of transportation of major mineral in Goa.

- (b) Such mining affected tipper truck owners who are residents of mining affected talukas and are having tipper trucks registered in his/her name or in the name of family member and operational for mining transportation and whose tipper trucks have completed 15 years from the date of registration and had to pay enhanced fitness fees, shall be eligible for the financial benefits under this scheme.
- (c) The financial benefit shall be extended to the tipper trucks used for transportation of major mineral only and shall be restricted to maximum of two tipper trucks only.
- (d) The benefit under this scheme shall be applicable only to the individuals owning tipper trucks and involved in transportation of major minerals.
- (e) No other entities are eligible for financial benefit under the scheme.
- 3. Financial benefit under the scheme.— (a) Financial benefit available under the scheme per tipper truck is reimbursement of fitness fee/green tax amounting to Rs. 17,900/- and 50% of late fee/penalty paid, if any.
- 4. Procedure for application and other conditions.— (a) Application shall be submitted in the format prescribed by the Directorate of Mines & Geology.

- (b) The applicant shall be eligible for reimbursement only upon submission of application complete in all respect along with documentary evidence of payment made towards fitness fee/green tax and late fee//penalty, if any.
- (c) Submission of any false information to avail the benefit under the scheme or attempting to avail the benefit giving false information will be viewed seriously including de-registration from Bhumija portal and debar from transportation of mineral.

This issues with the administrative approval of the Government vide U.O. No. 1285/F dated 09-02-2023 and concurrence of Finance (Expenditure) Department vide FMS No. 1400091124 dated 14-02-2023.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dr. S. Shanbhogue, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary.

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